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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:  
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FOR: PLANT CARBON CATABOLITE REPRESSION PROTEINS

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

EXAMINER: PHUONG T. BUI

CONFIRMATION NO.: 5209

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 18, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months up to and including May 18, 2004 is filed simultaneously herewith.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Response to Restriction Requirement** begins on page 4 of this paper.